

PROPOSED EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney/Agent *Ashley I. Pezzner* on *June 20, 2008*.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claim

Claim 2, line 1, "in which" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --, wherein-- .

Claim 3, line 1, --, -- has been inserted before "which".

Claim 4, line 1, "in which" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --wherein--.

Claim 6, line 1, --, -- has been inserted before "which".

Claim 7, line 1, "which" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --, --.

Claim 8, line 1, --, -- has been inserted before "whose".

Claim 9, line 2, "which" has been deleted.

Claim 11, line 1, --, -- has been inserted before "having".

Claim 12, line 2, "which" has been deleted.

Claim 15, line 3, "where" has been deleted and replaced thereof with --wherein--.

Claim 15, line 6, --, -- has been inserted after "Rh".

Claim 15, line 6, "in which" has been deleted.

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As concerned with claims 1-4, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a multimetal oxide having the claimed chemical composition as set forth in formula I in claim 1.

As concerned with claims 6-11, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a precatalyst comprises a multimetal oxide having the claimed chemical composition as set forth in formula I in claim 1.

As concerned with claims 12-19, the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest a process for preparing aldehydes, carboxylic acids and/or carboxylic anhydrides in the presence of a catalyst comprises a multimetal oxide having the claimed chemical composition as set forth in formula I in claim 1.

There is no motivation to combine the teachings of the references together.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Claims 1-4 & 6-19 are pending. Claims 1-4 & 6-19 are allowed.

Contacts

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Primary Examiner Cam N Nguyen, whose telephone number is 571-272-1357. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9:00 AM - 6:30 PM, at alternative work site.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stanley Silverman, can be reached on 571-272-1358. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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